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SUBJECT: SMITH SPEECH

FOR AMBASSADOR

1. YOU SHOULD PASS FOLLOWING IMMEDIATELY REPEAT IMMEDIATELY TO FOURIE FOR QUICKEST POSSIBLE TRANSMISSION TONIGHT TO RHODESIANS:
2. BEGIN TEXT: WE UNDERSTAND THE ANGUISH THAT THE RHODESIANS MUST BE GOING THROUGH AT THIS MOMENT, AND WE WANT TO BE HELPFUL. THE FACT IS THAT WHAT THEY HAVE ASKED, IF INTRODUCED AT THIS STAGE OF THE PROCESS, WOULD DEFEAT EVERYTHING.
3. IT IS OUR CONSIDERED JUDGMENT THAT THE BEST COURSE FOR THE RHODESIANS AT THIS MOMENT IS TO ACCEPT THE FIVE POINTS AS THEY ARE, COUPLED WITH OUR ASSURANCE THAT WE WILL NOT REPEAT NOT ALLOW NEW DEMANDS TO BE RAISED FROM THE OTHER SIDE BEYOND WHAT IS AGREED IN ANNEX C.
4. IT IS POSSIBLE, HOWEVER, TO ADD THE PHRASE IN POINT 3, FIRST SENTENCE, WHICH IS NOW IN BRACKETS, NAMELY "WITH A EUROPEAN CHAIRMAN WITHOUT A SPECIAL VOTE"
5. WE ALSO BELIEVE, ON THE BASIS OF OUR DISCUSSIONS IN LUSAKA AND DAR, THAT IN POINT 3, A NEW SENTENCE CAN BE ADDED BETWEEN SENTENCE CONCERNING COUNCIL OF MINISTERS ENDING 'TWO-THIRDS MAJORITY' AND SENTENCE
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BEGINNING 'ITS FUNCTION SHOULD INCLUDE.' --NAMELY

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"FOR THE PERIOD OF THE INTERIM GOVERNMENT THE DEFNESE,
AND LAW AND ORDER MINISTERS SHOULD BE EUROPEAN".
6. TO AVOID CONFUSION, THE FIVE POINTS AS THEY NOW
STAND WHICH CAN BE GIVEN TO THE RHODESIANS, FOLLOW: (WE HAVE
SUBSTITUTED "EUROPEAN" FOR "WHITE" AND "AFRICAN" FOR "BLACK"

1. RHODESIA AGREES TO MAJORITY RULE WITHIN TWO YEARS.

2. REPRESENTATIVES OF THE RHODESIAN AUTHORITIES WILL
MEET IMMEDIATELY AT A MUTUALLY AGREED PLACE WITH AFRICAN
LEADERS TO ORGANIZE AN INTERIM GOVERNMENT TO FUNCTION UNTIL
MAJORITY RULE IS IMPLEMENTED.

3. THE INTERIM GOVERNMENT SHOULD CONSIST OF A
COUNCIL OF STATE, HALF OF WHOSE MEMBERS SHOULD BE AFRICAN
AND HALF SHOULD BE EUROPEAN WITH A EUROPEAN CHAIRMAN WITHOUT A
SPECIAL VOTE. THE EUROPEAN AND AFRICAN SIDES WOULD NOMINATE
THEIR REPRESENTATIVES. ITS FUNCTIONS SHOULD INCLUDE:

--LEGISLATION;

--GENERAL SUPERVISORY RESPONSIBILITIES; AND

--SUPERVISION OF THE PROCESS OF DRAFTING
THE CONSTITUTION.

THE INTERIM GOVERNMENT SHOULD ALSOHAVE A COUNCIL OF
MINISTERS WITH A MAJORITY OF AFRICANS AND AN AFRICAN FIRST
MINISTER, DECISIONS OF THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS TO BE TAKEN
BY TWO-THIRDS MAJORITY. FOR THE PERIOD OF THE INTERIM
GOVERNMENT THE DEFENSE , AND LAW AND ORDER MINISTRIES WOULD
QBE EUROPEAN. ITS FUNCTIONS SHOULD INCLUDE:

--DELEGATED LEGISLATIVE AUTHORITY;

--AND EXECUTIVE RESPONSIBILITY

4. THE UNITED KENGDOM WILL ENACT ENABLING LEGISLATION
FOR THIS PROCESS TO MAJORITY RULE.

UPON ENACTMENT OF THAT LEGISLATION, RHODESIA WILL
ALSO ENACT SUCH LEGISLATION AS MAY BE NECESSARY TO THE
PROCESS.

5. UPON THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE INTERIM GOVERNMENT,
SANCTIONS WILL BE LIFTED AND ALL ACTS OF WAR INCLUDING
GUERRILLA WARFARE WILL CEASE.
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